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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 20, 2002, Applicants elect Group III, claims 1, 132 – 167 and 182 – 204. However, Applicants respectfully differ with the Examiner's characterization of the invention.

Since the nominal deadline for responding to the Restriction Requirement fell on a Federal Holiday (Jan. 20), Applicants submit that this response is timely filed. Please charge any additional fees that may be associated with this matter to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2002, enclosed herewith please find the following:

1. Response to Election/Restriction Requirement (1 page); and
2. Return Postcard

Additionally, please charge any further fees associated with this filing or apply any credits to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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